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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

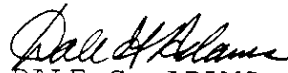
SUBJECT: Military Standard (MIL-STD) 40051, Standard Practice,
Technical Manual Preparation

1. The United States Army Materiel Command (USAMC) Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA) recently completed MIL-STD-40051, its premier Acquisition Reform Initiative action. Military Standard 40051, extensively coordinated within the Army and with industry, replaces seven military detail specifications and standards.
2. As the Department of Defense Lead Standardization Activity for the Technical Manual Specifications and Standards (TMSS) Standardization Area, the principal Department of Army source of TMSS, and the Preparing Activity for numerous TMS documents, the USAMC LOGSA has provided the Army with a non-prescriptive standard ready for immediate use.
3. Now, the Army can acquire their operator, maintenance and repair parts and special tools list Technical Manuals (TM), which comprise the vast majority of all TMs, and ensure delivery of those manuals in digital form by using MIL-STD-40051.
4. Therefore, as the Army Standards Improvement Executive, I strongly encourage each of you to make maximum use of MIL-STD-40051. I firmly believe use of MIL-STD-40051, which can be mandated on contract without a waiver as it is a standard practice standard, will facilitate your efforts to comply with Army Acquisition Executive, Mr. Gilbert Decker's 24 Oct 96 Digitized Acquisition Data Policy Memorandum, as well as providing the means to ensure the Army acquires its TMs in a timely and cost effective manner.
5. Should you have any questions regarding MIL-STD-40051, please feel free to contact the USAMC LOGSA at DSN 645-9844 or

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